

# Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

## December 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives present: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Dundy-EM Brandon Myers; Furnas-EM Roger Powell, Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock-EM Brandon Myers, EM Deputy Kyle Clapp

Regional representatives absent: Perkins and Red Willow

Also in attendance were: Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Heidi Wheeler and Mason Holmes, SWNEPHD; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center;

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:24.

### Introductions

Motion was made by Char, seconded by Duane to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Motion was made by Char, seconded by Duane to approve the minutes from the September meeting. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Kate/Public Policy Center: THIRA/TEPW meetings were Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The state SPR went well. It was well attended. Most in attendance were pleased with the process and timing. There were no Skype attendees. A group working with NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma are developing a statewide FEMA Type 3 team, and is working on policies. Completion of taskbooks has been an obstacle to developing team members in the past. Group can travel within Nebraska. A NEMA representative will now be assigned to each area, and will be traveling out for meetings. Kate believed NEMA Planning Specialist Patrick Rooney will be assigned to the SW Region.

### Old Business:

#### Grants

2014: Funds were used for a/c work on the Wauneta tower (NRIN). Funds are expended.

2015: \$ 5,705.90 used for NRIN repairs; \$32,500 SRS Radios; \$ 31,240 NRIN leases; \$3,592 OCIO Fees; \$2,000 Satellite service for command trailer; \$ 3,000 CERT training.

2016: Workplan is approved. \$ 154,832 tower rent/maintenance/tower construction; \$ 4,000 for CERT, \$ 7,000 for ics training; \$20,271 for badging.

NPSCC: Nebraska Public Service Commission/NRIN - The SW region needs a representative. Jim stated previously he will be unable due to other commitments.

The TICP still needs approved by the region.

**New Business:**

Fiscal agent for region: Jim budgeted \$72,000 for the 2015 grant. The group will need to continue to evaluate the fiscal agent status in the future.

Discussion was held on the future of the PET Region. It remains unclear about where counties will be aligned. It now sounds like the North Central Region is less likely to take in Perkins Co. It was agreed by all in attendance that all counties need to be more active; to 'step up' and share more of the load.

The badging system was owned by the healthcare coalition, which has been discontinued. Heidi said someone needs to take ownership and upkeep over, as funding no longer exists from the health dept. Money exists in the SW region's grant funding, and Heidi said she will check into the procedure for transferring ownership of the equipment to the SWPETR.

Heidi asked the group about exercise scheduling. She wants to work together so everyone can meet requirements and avoid duplication of efforts. Char made a motion to include SWNPHD as a regular agenda item for future meetings. The group agreed to incorporate Heidi's activities as a regular part of the SWPETR meeting.

**Good of the Group**

At 11:54, Char made a motion, seconded by Brandon to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the SWPETR will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017, following the 10 am SWLEPC meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Dept. office in McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder